

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 were objected to. Nearly all of the suggestions by the Examiner have been adopted. In some occasions, where antecedents were to be provided, additional words were added to the claim to provide the antecedent so that the objected to word "the" in the claim would be correct. It is believed that these amendments all for matters of form, not for matters of substance and that the changes have no effect on the scope of the claims, whereby they are not narrowing amendments. In reviewing the claims, other claims apparently needed amendment to improve their form without changing their substance and other claims have been amended as well.

It is noted that the prior art of record did not provide a basis for rejecting the claims under Sections 102 and 103.

In view of the amendments to the application and the foregoing remarks, allowance of the claims, as amended, is requested.

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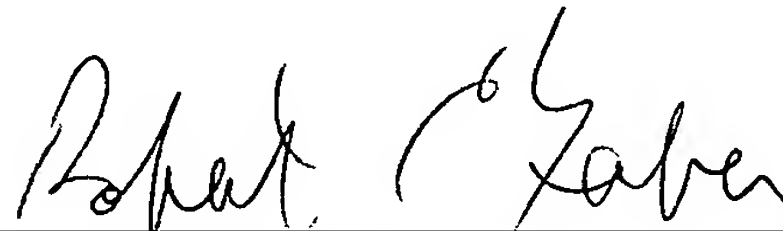


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